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Hydrologic Outlook
January 2004

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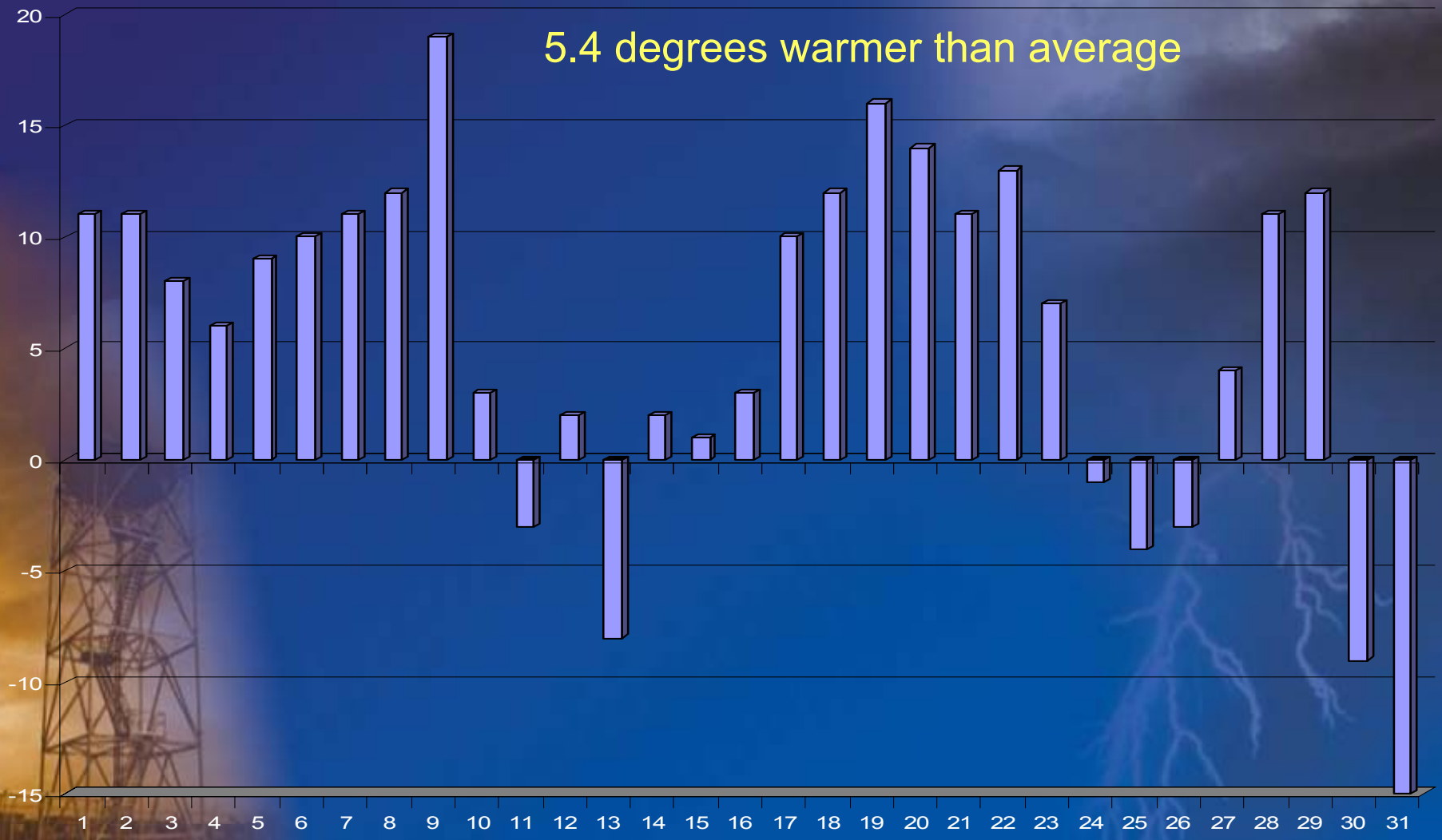
- Temperature

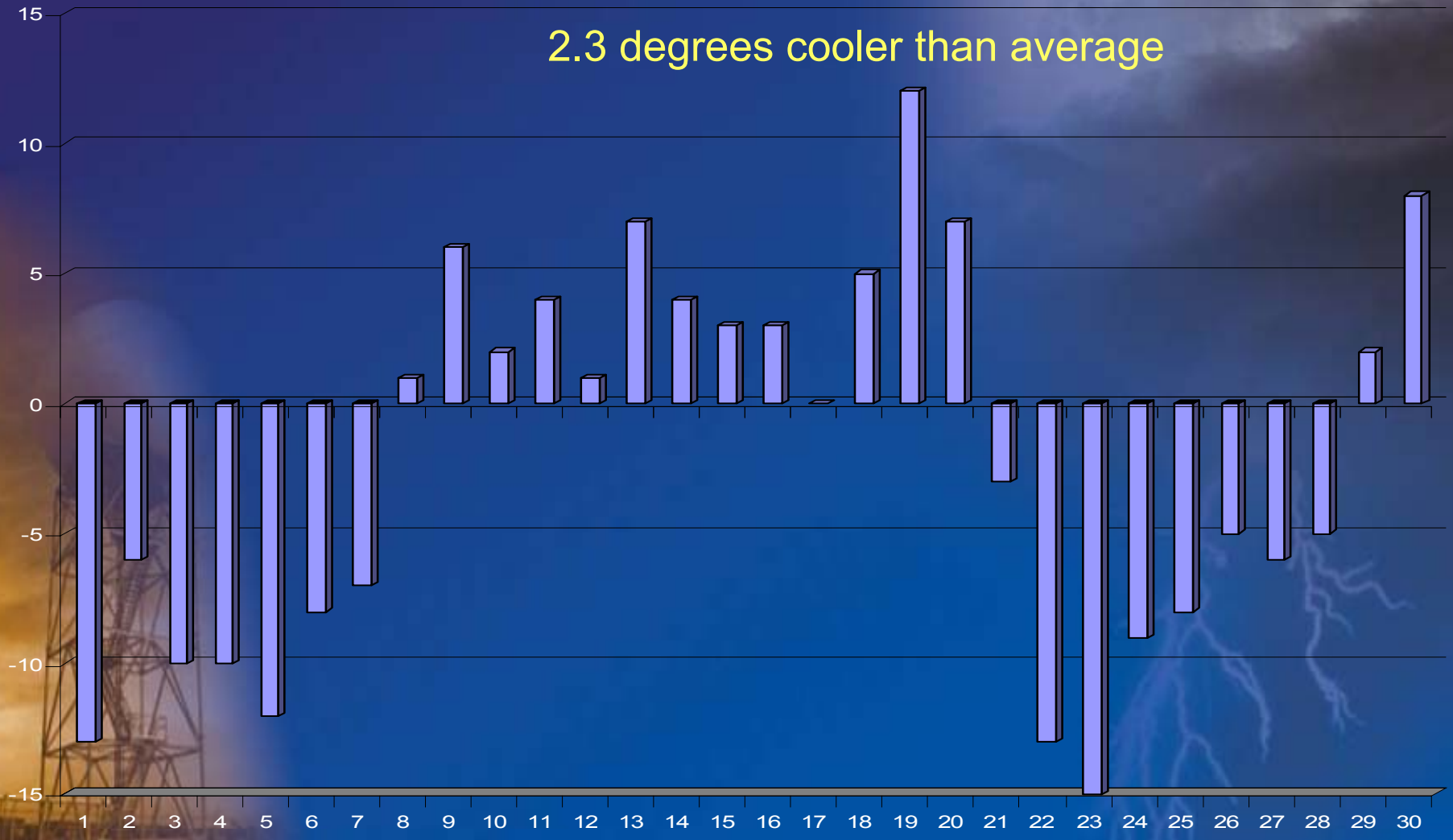
October

Salt Lake City Temperature Departure from Normal



November

Salt Lake City Temperature Departure from Normal



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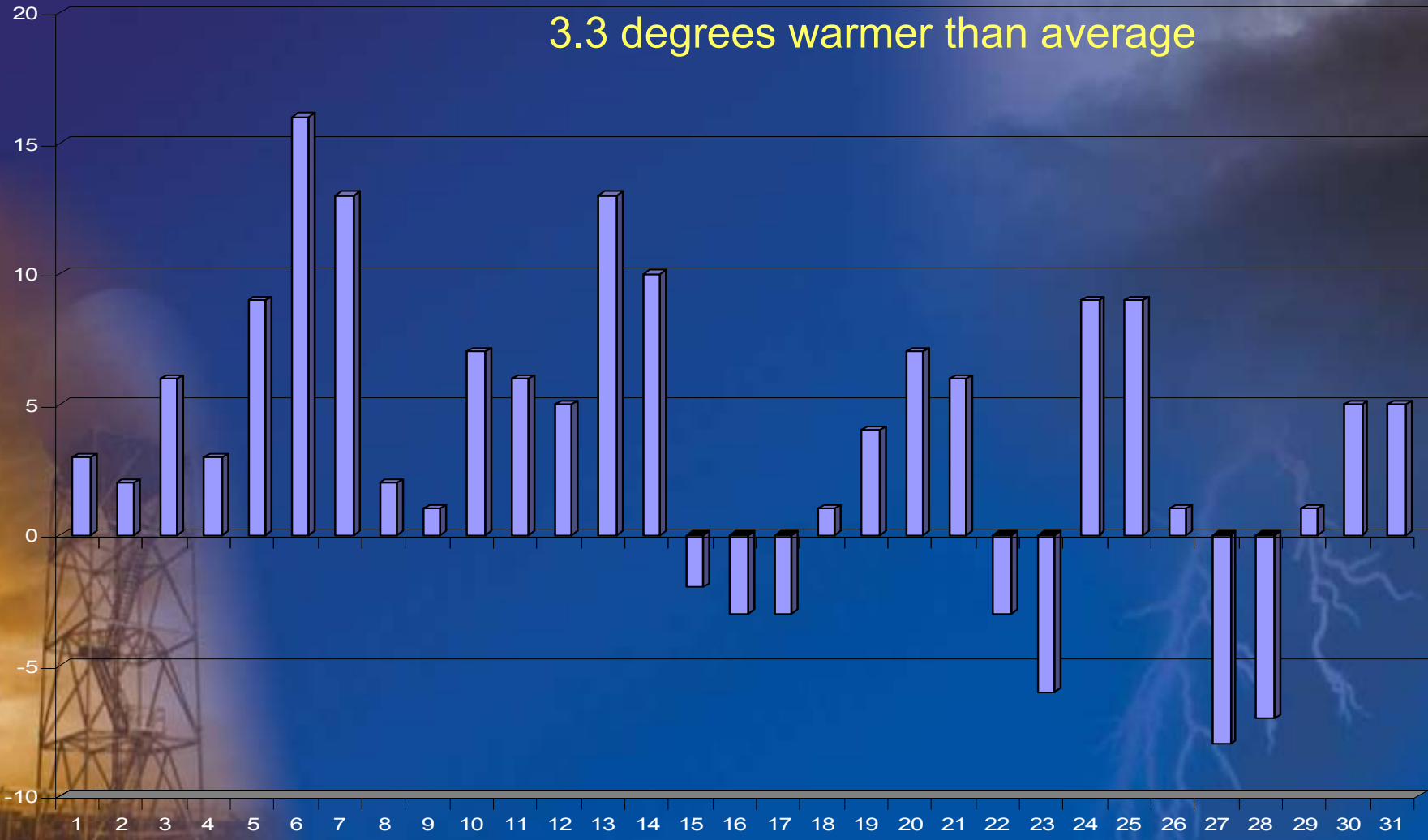
Salt Lake City Temperature Departure from Normal



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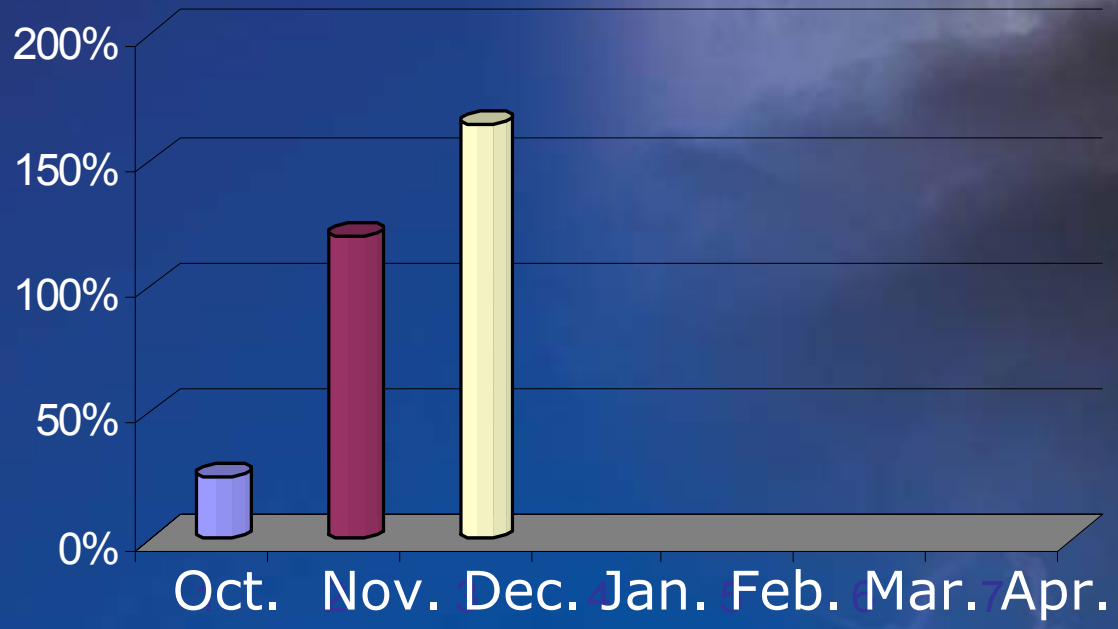
- Precipitation

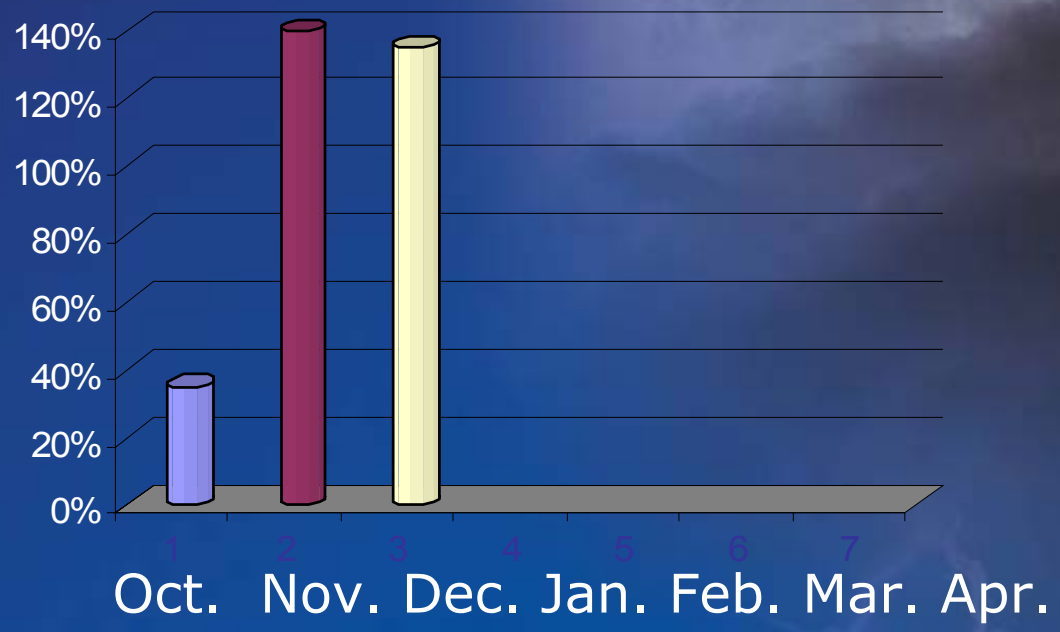
Great Basin Precipitation

Oct.	25%
Nov.	120%
Dec.	165%
Season	105%



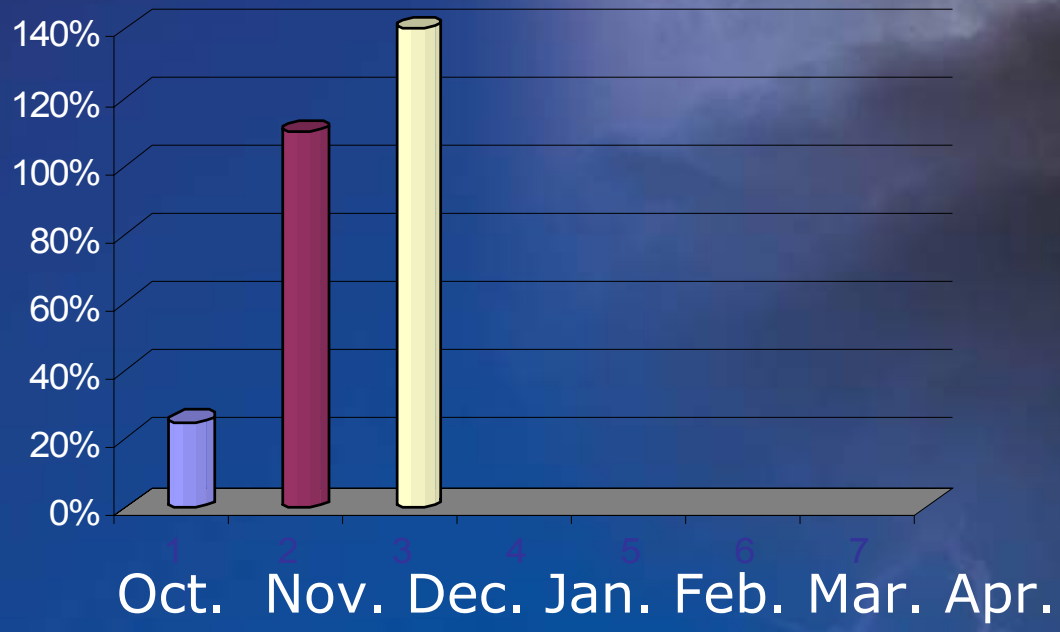
Green River Basin Precipitation

Oct.	35%
Nov.	140%
Dec.	135%
Season	100%



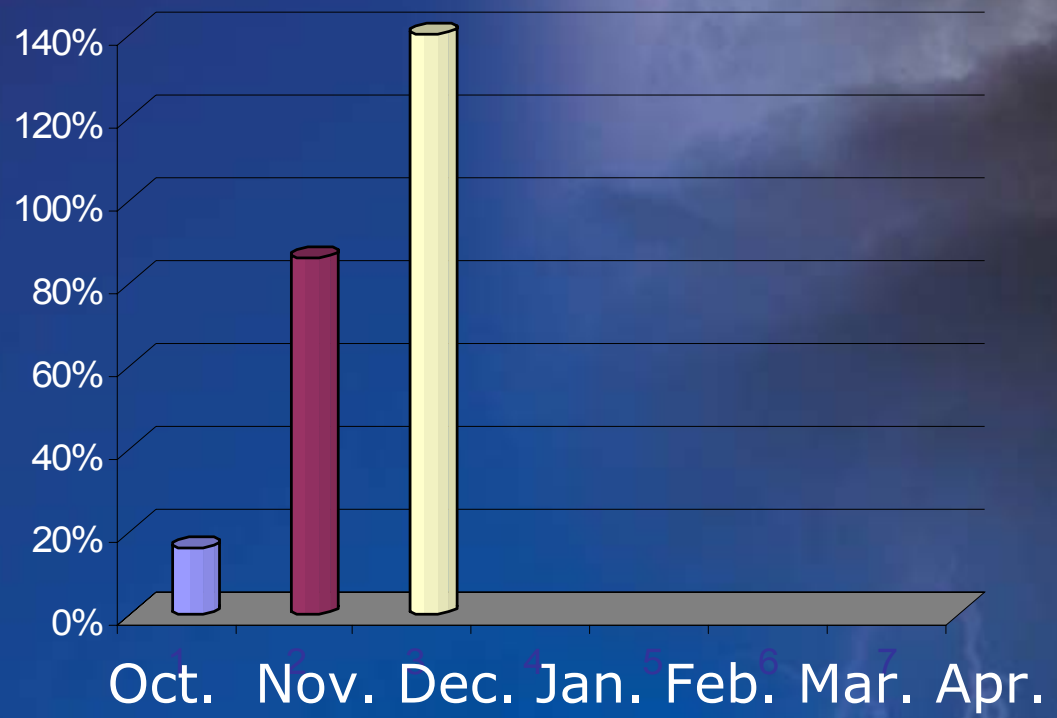
Sevier Basin Precipitation

Oct.	25%
Nov.	110%
Dec.	140%
Season	90%



Virgin River Basin Precipitation

Oct.	16%
Nov.	86%
Dec.	140%
Season	90%



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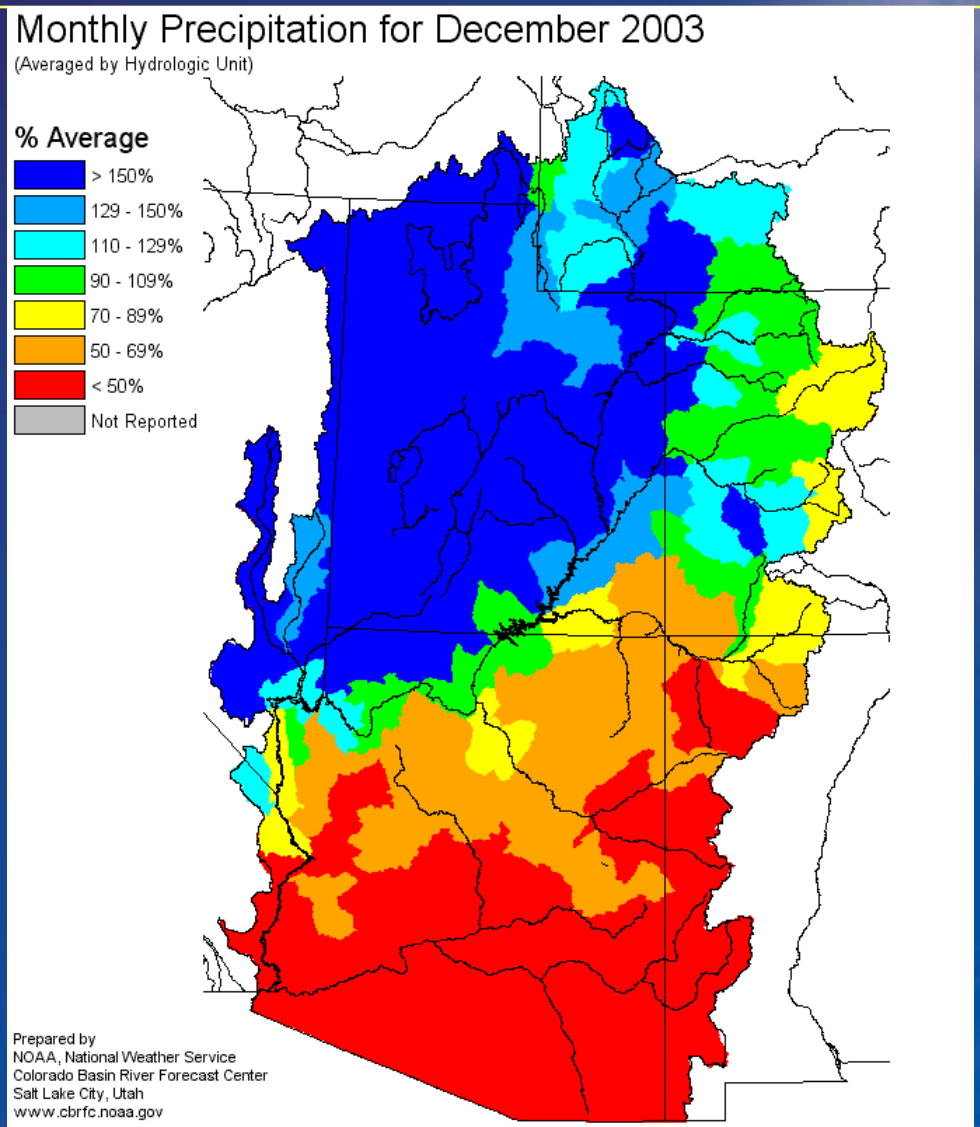

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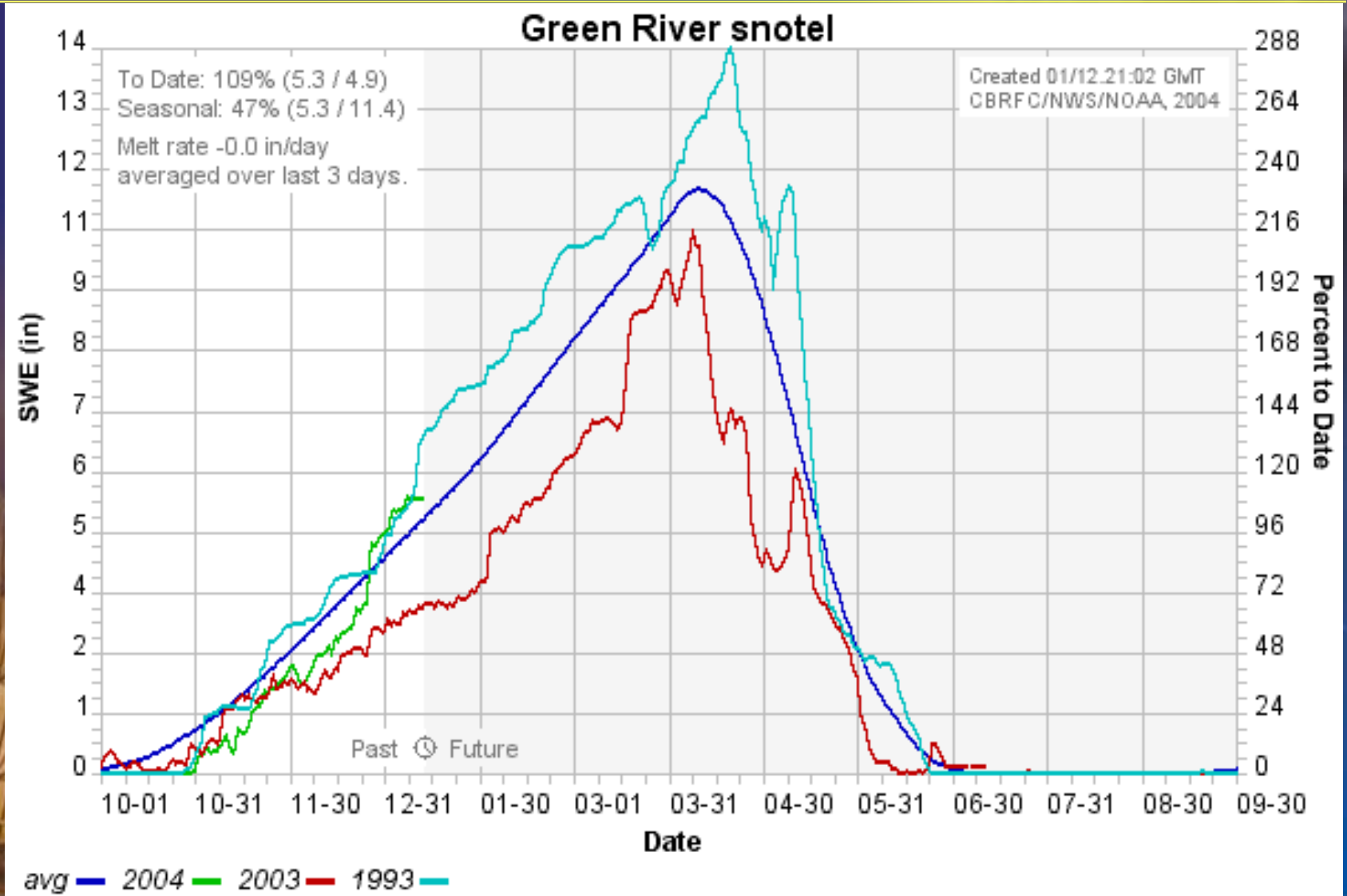
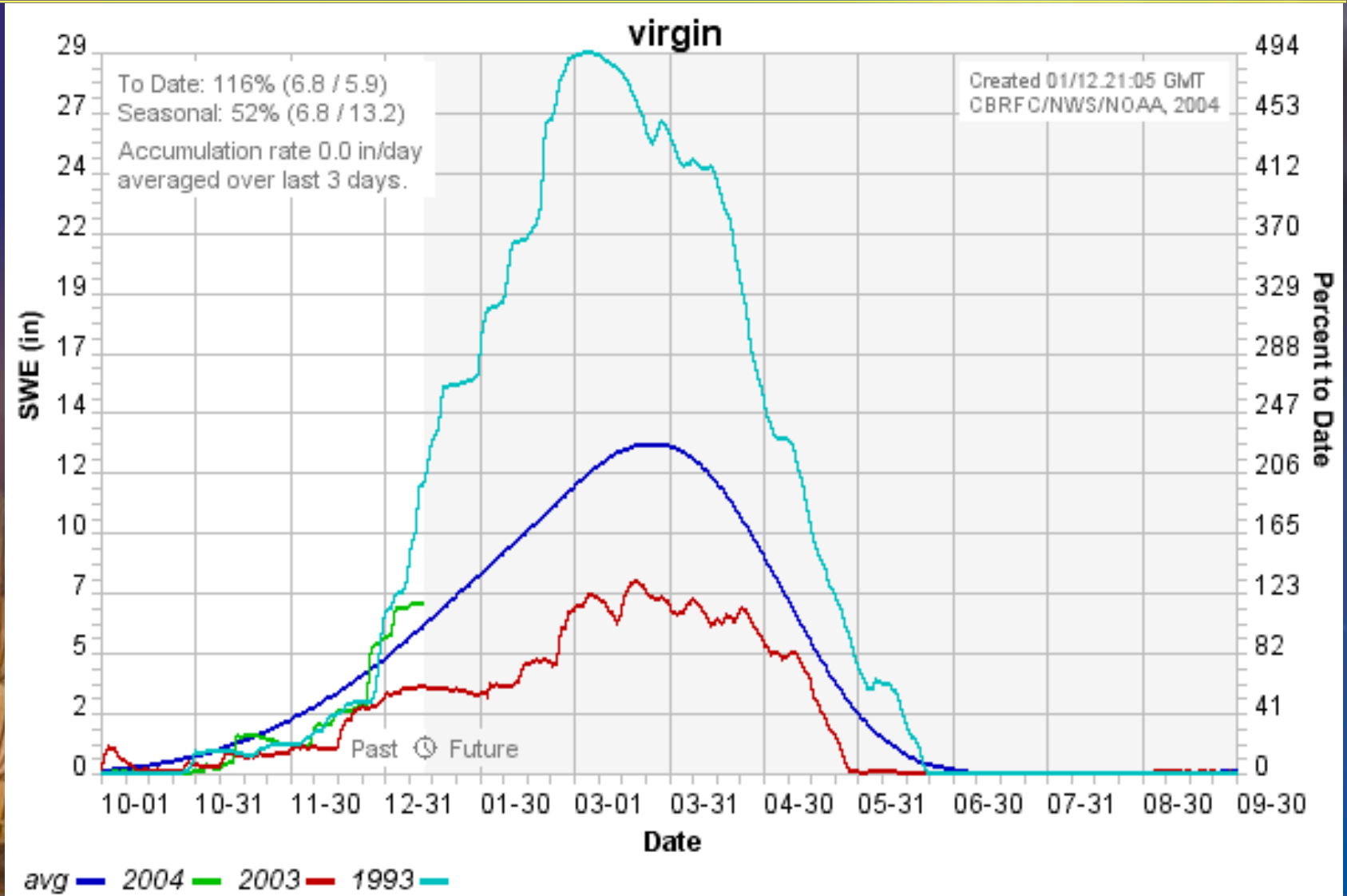
- Snowpack

Basin Snow Averages North and East



Basin Snow Averages South



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- Water Supply Forecast

Forecasted Utah Spring Snowmelt Runoff Volumes

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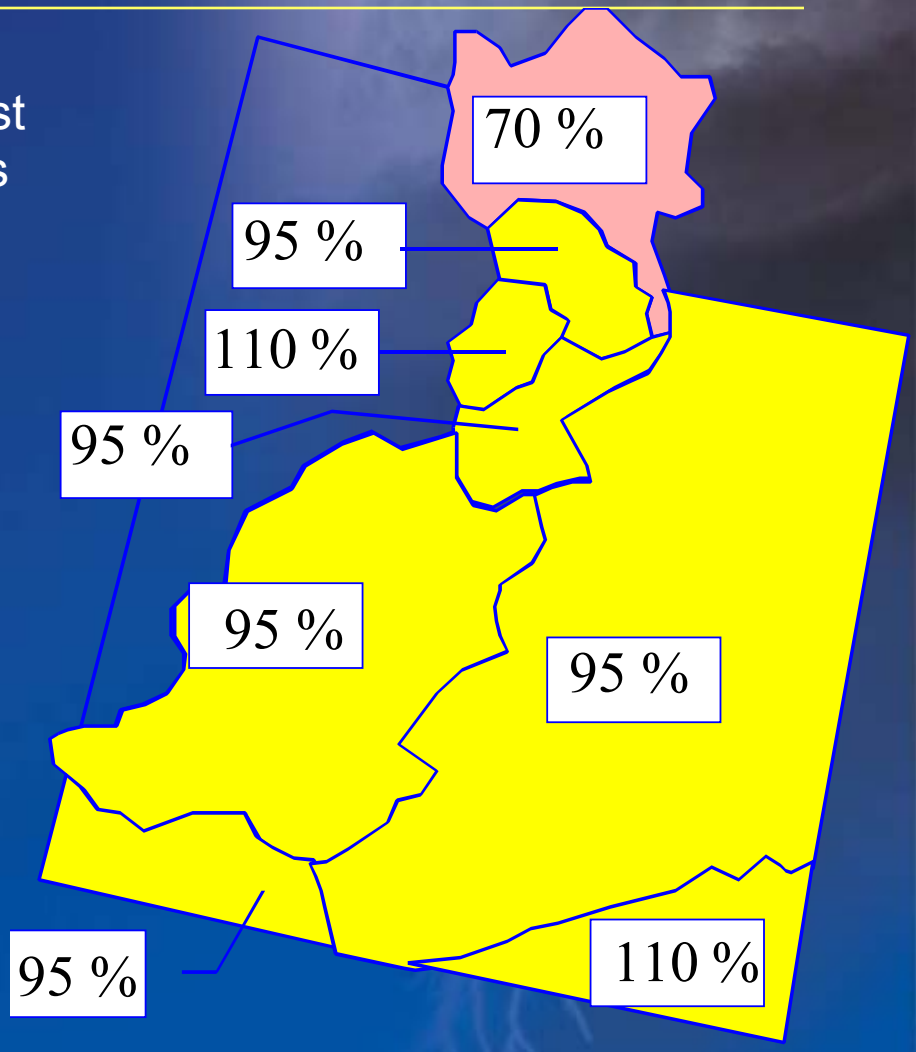
April Through July Volume Forecast
Percent of 30 Year Average Flows
Utah Area River Basins

- Much Above Normal
- Above Normal
- Normal
- Below Normal
- Much Below Normal



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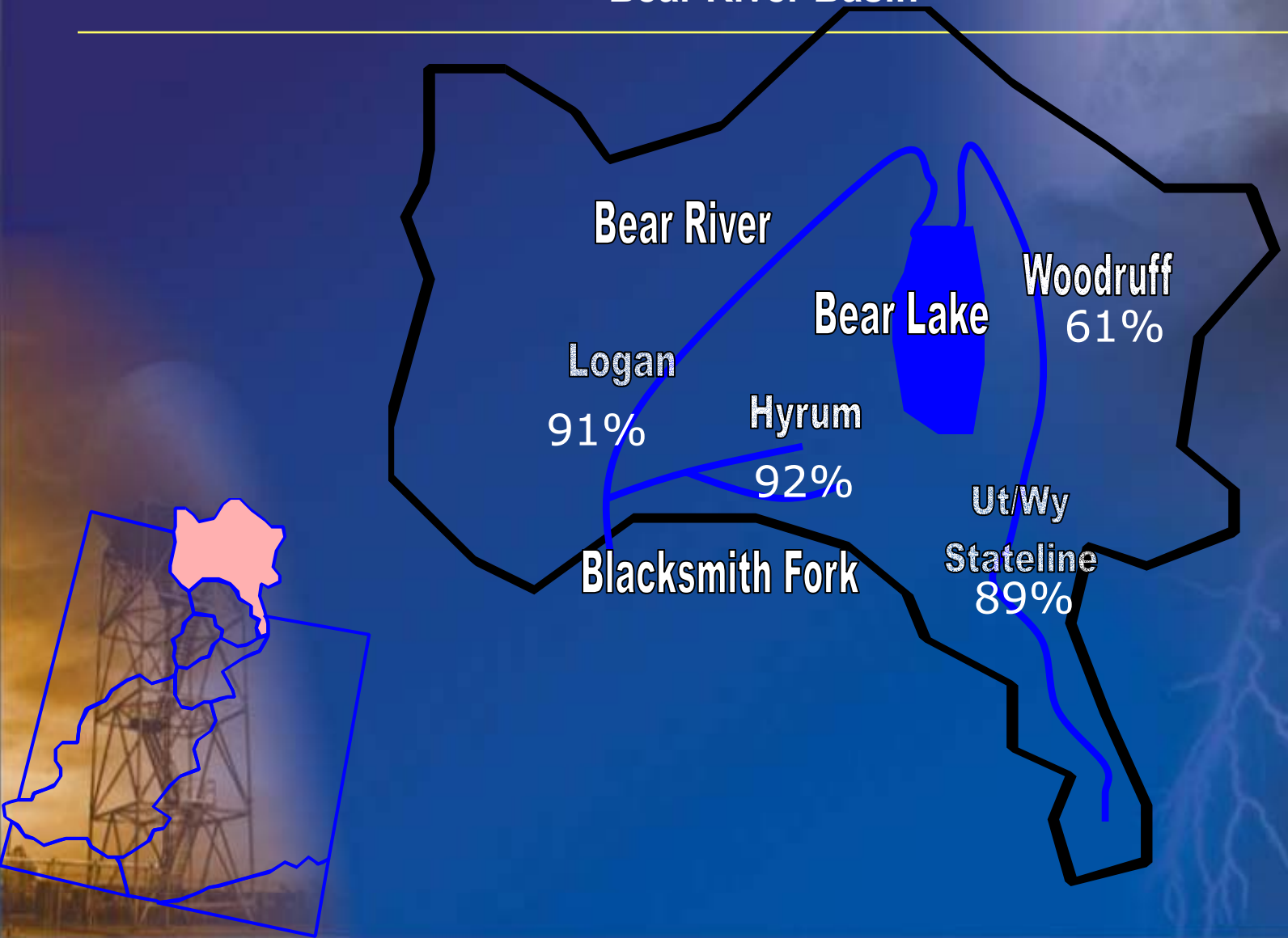
Bear River Basin



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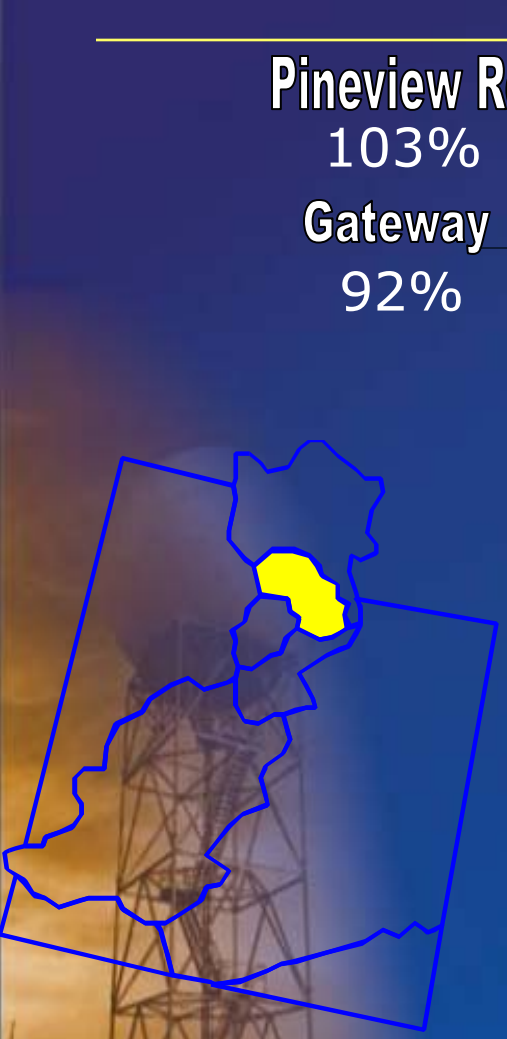
Weber River Basin



Pineview Res.
103%

Gateway
92%

Ogden River

Lost Creek Res.
85%

East Canyon Res.
110%

Weber River

Rockport Res.
82%

Chalk Creek
80%

Oakley
86%

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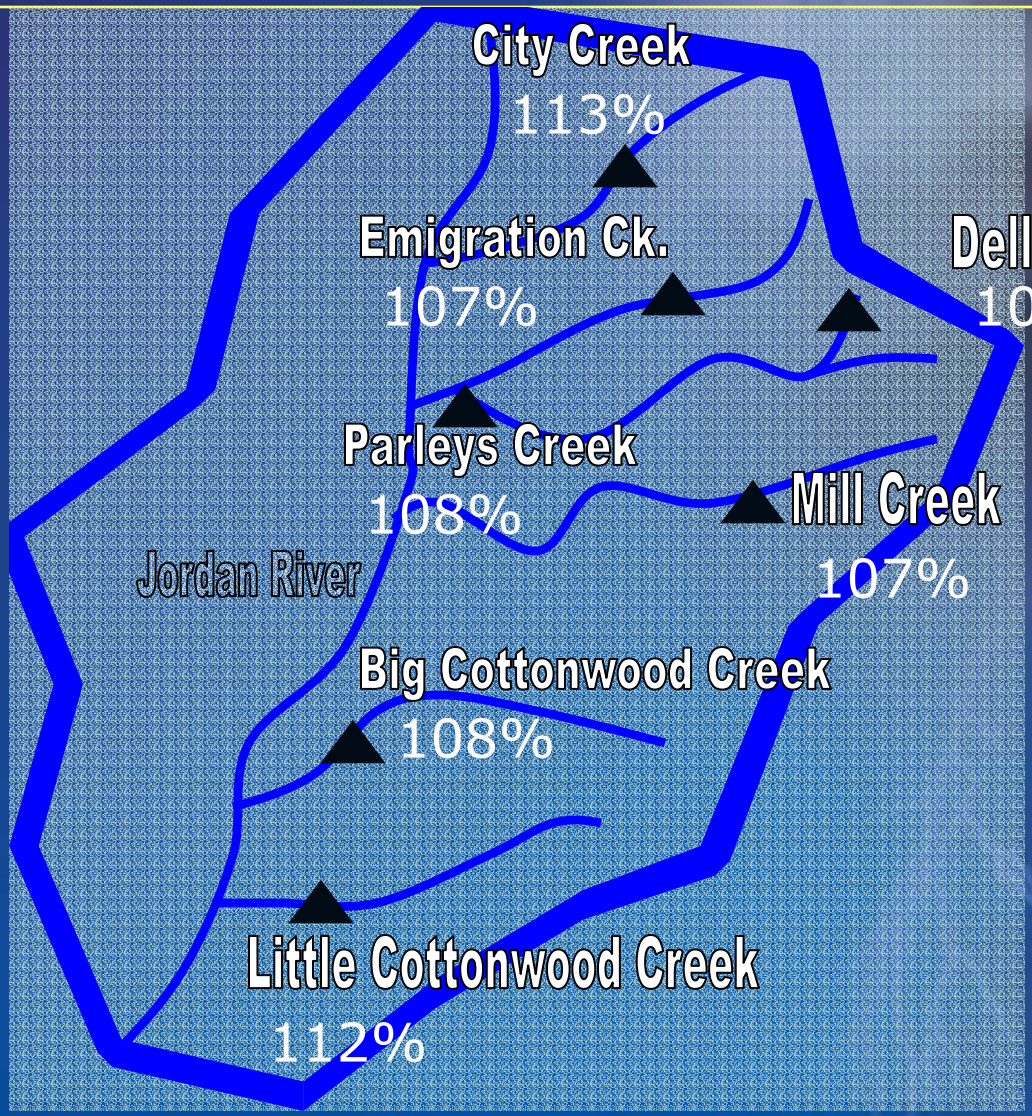
Six Creeks River Basin



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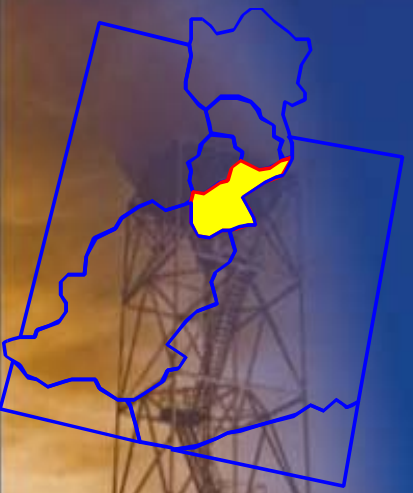
Provo River Basin



Jordanelle Res
80%

Deer Creek Res
85%

Woodland
83%

American Fork
116%

Provo River

Castilla
109%

Utah Lake
105%

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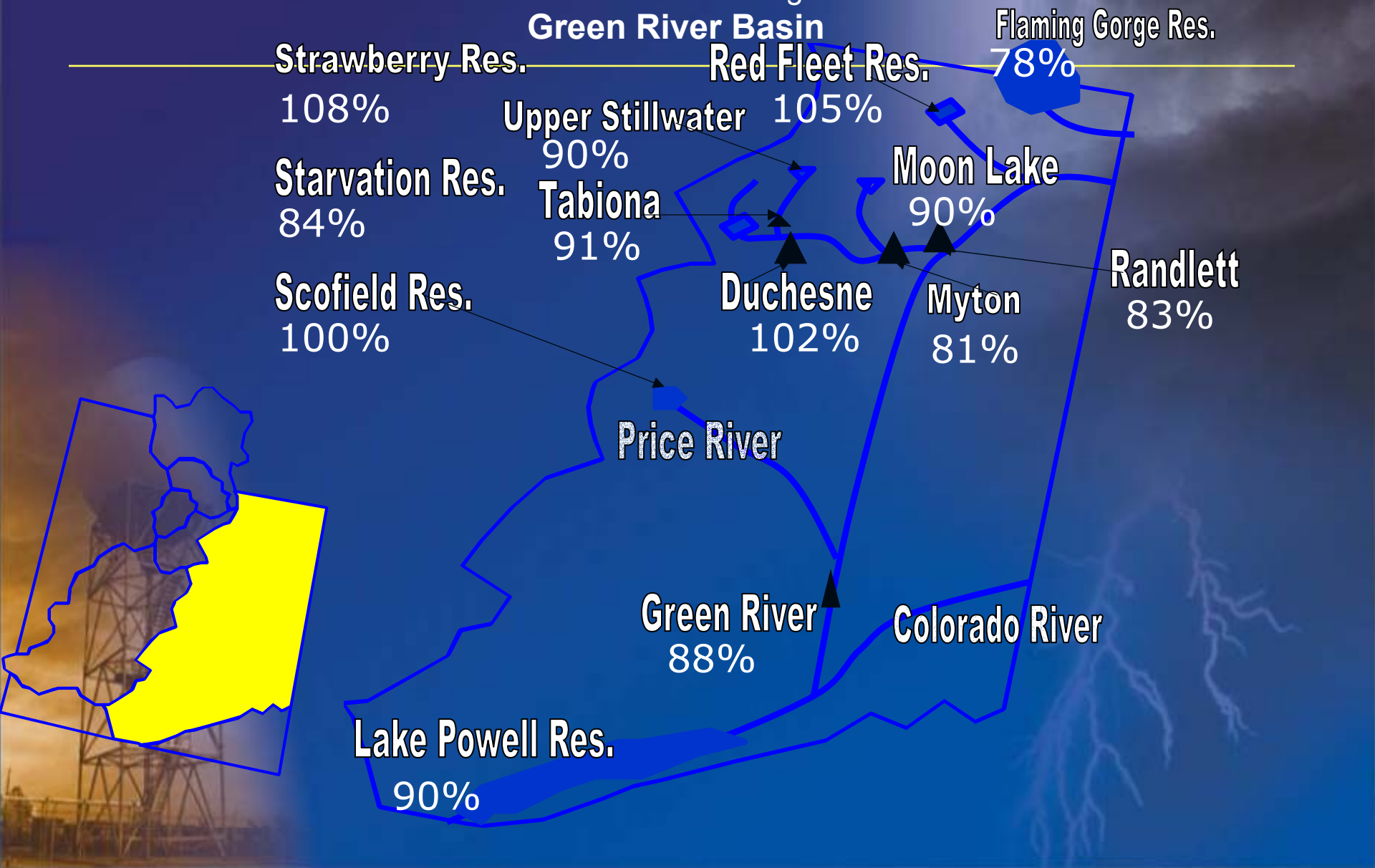

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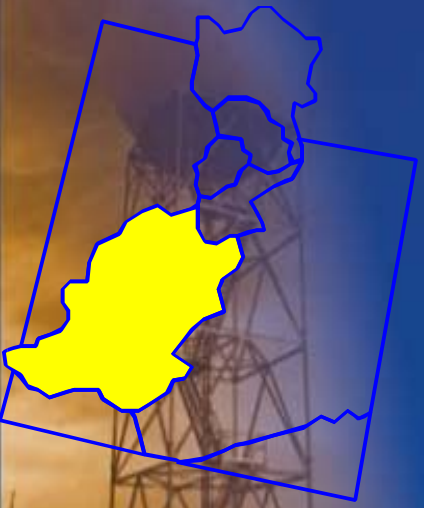

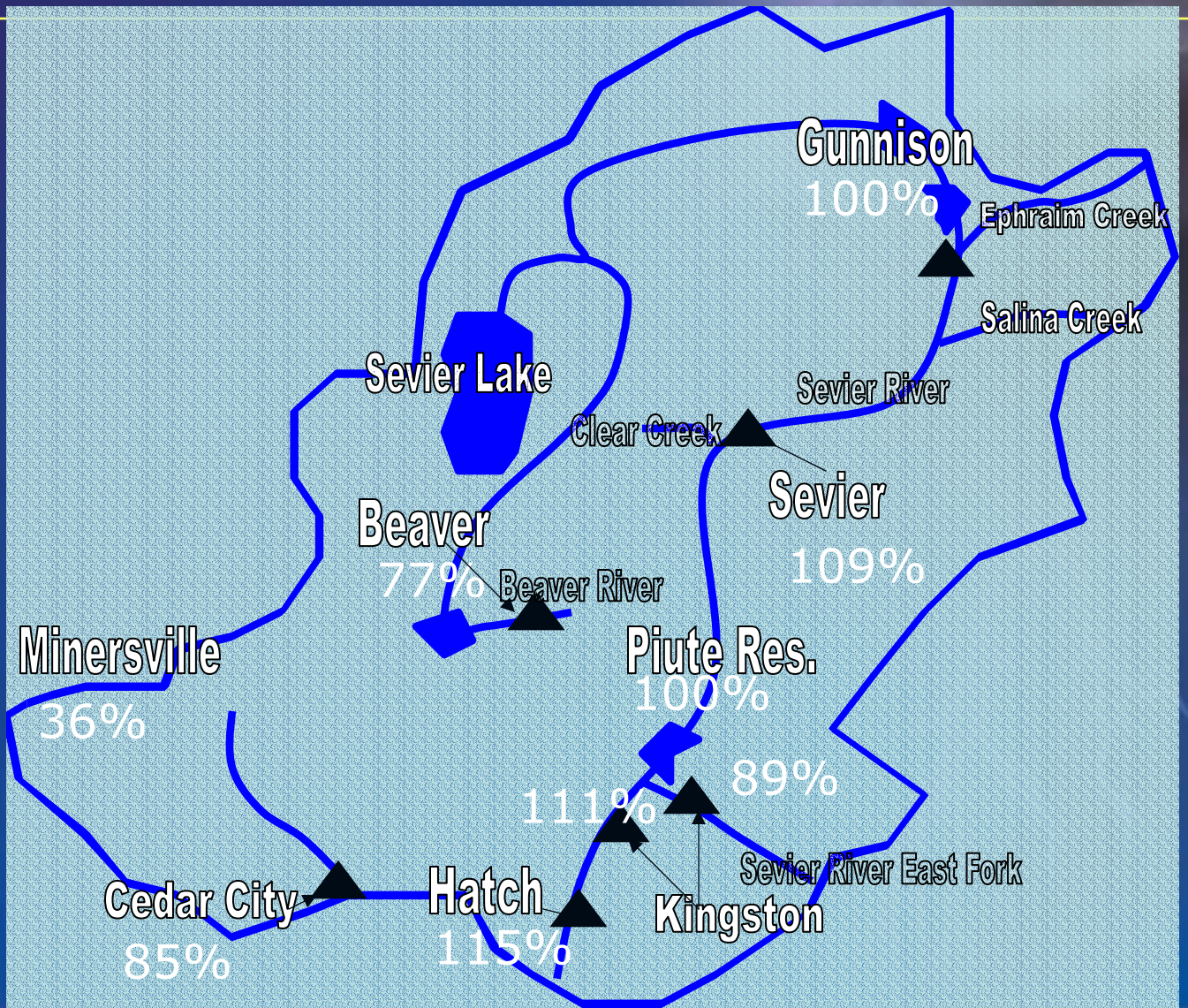

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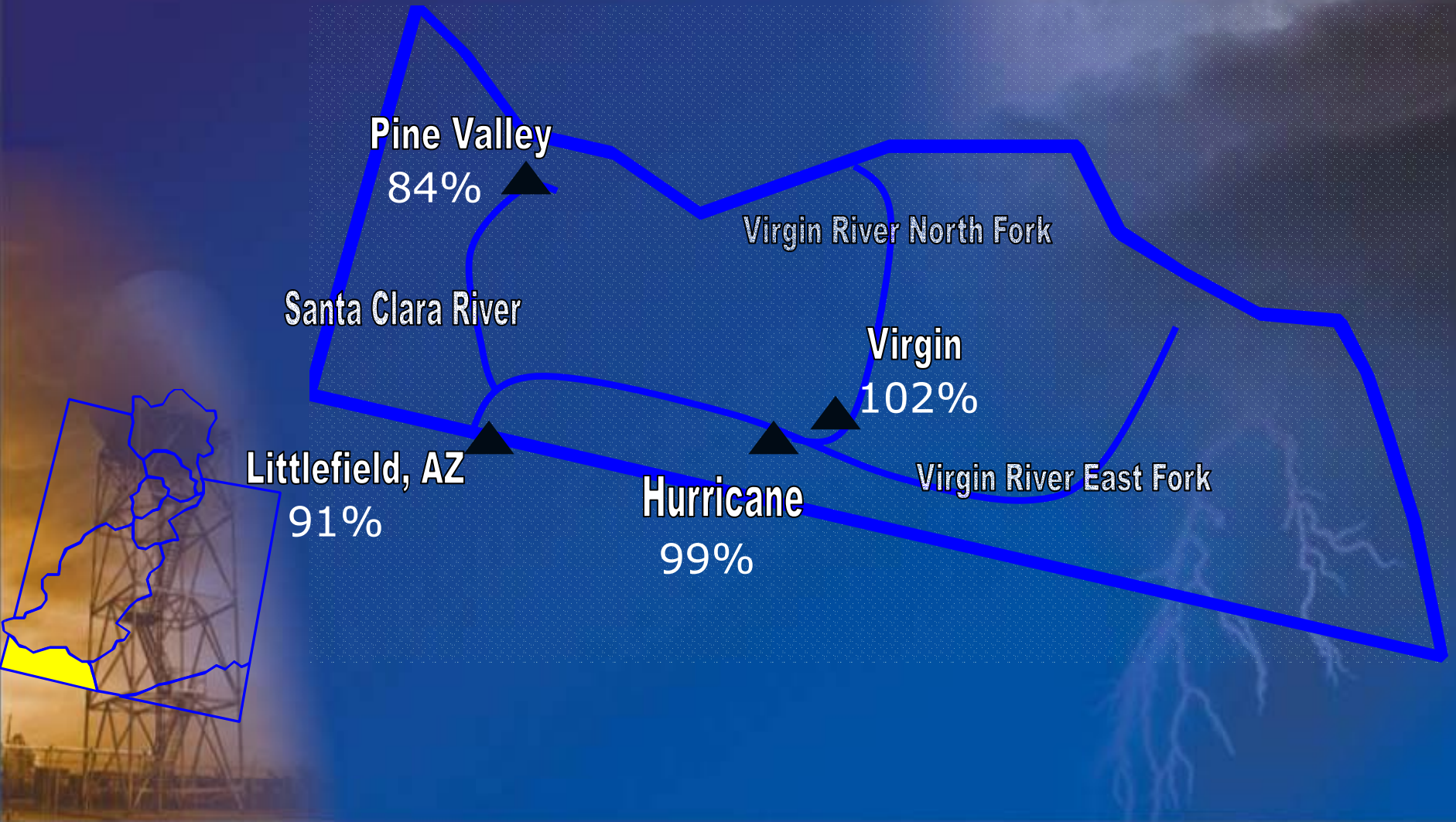
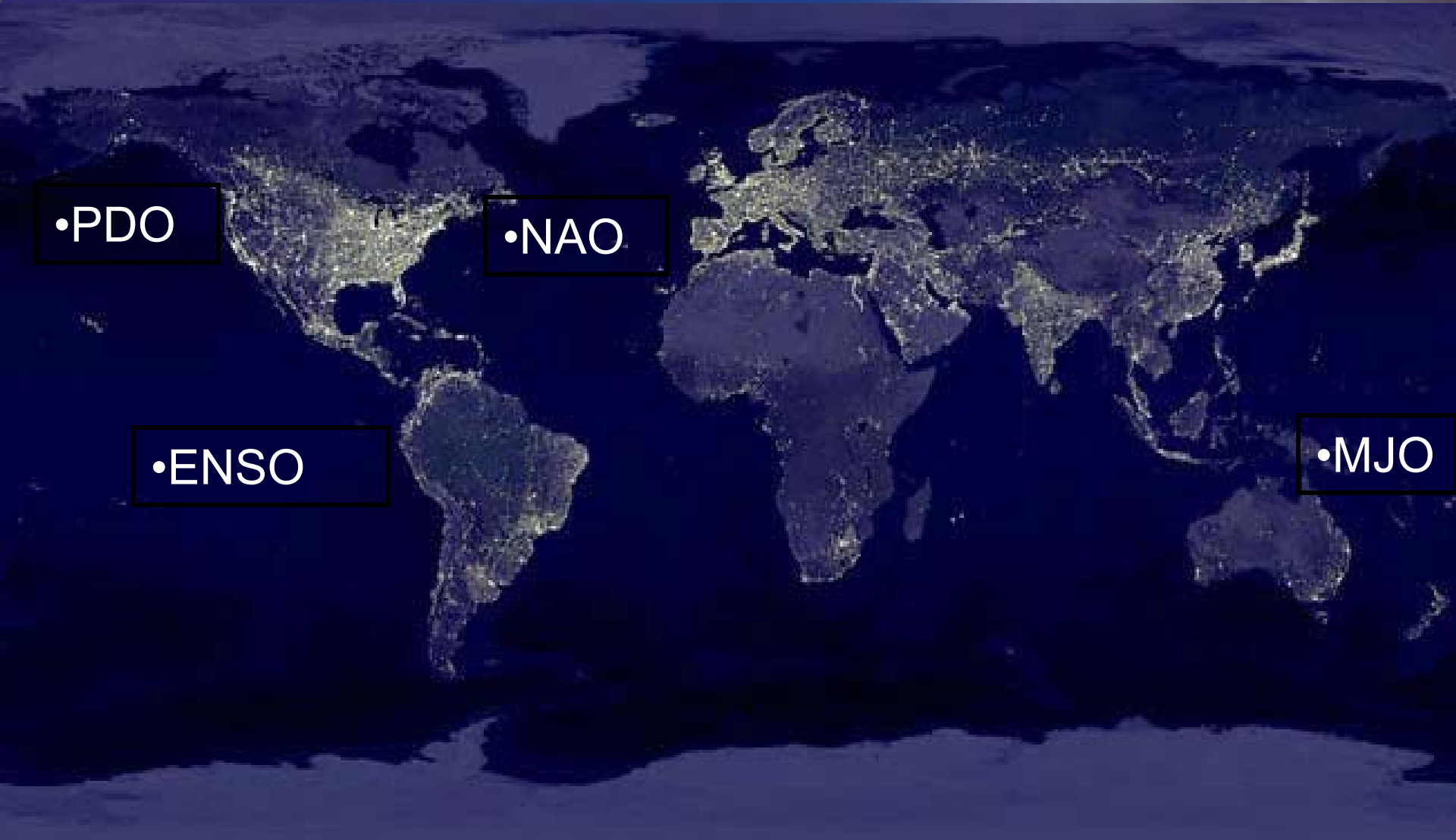
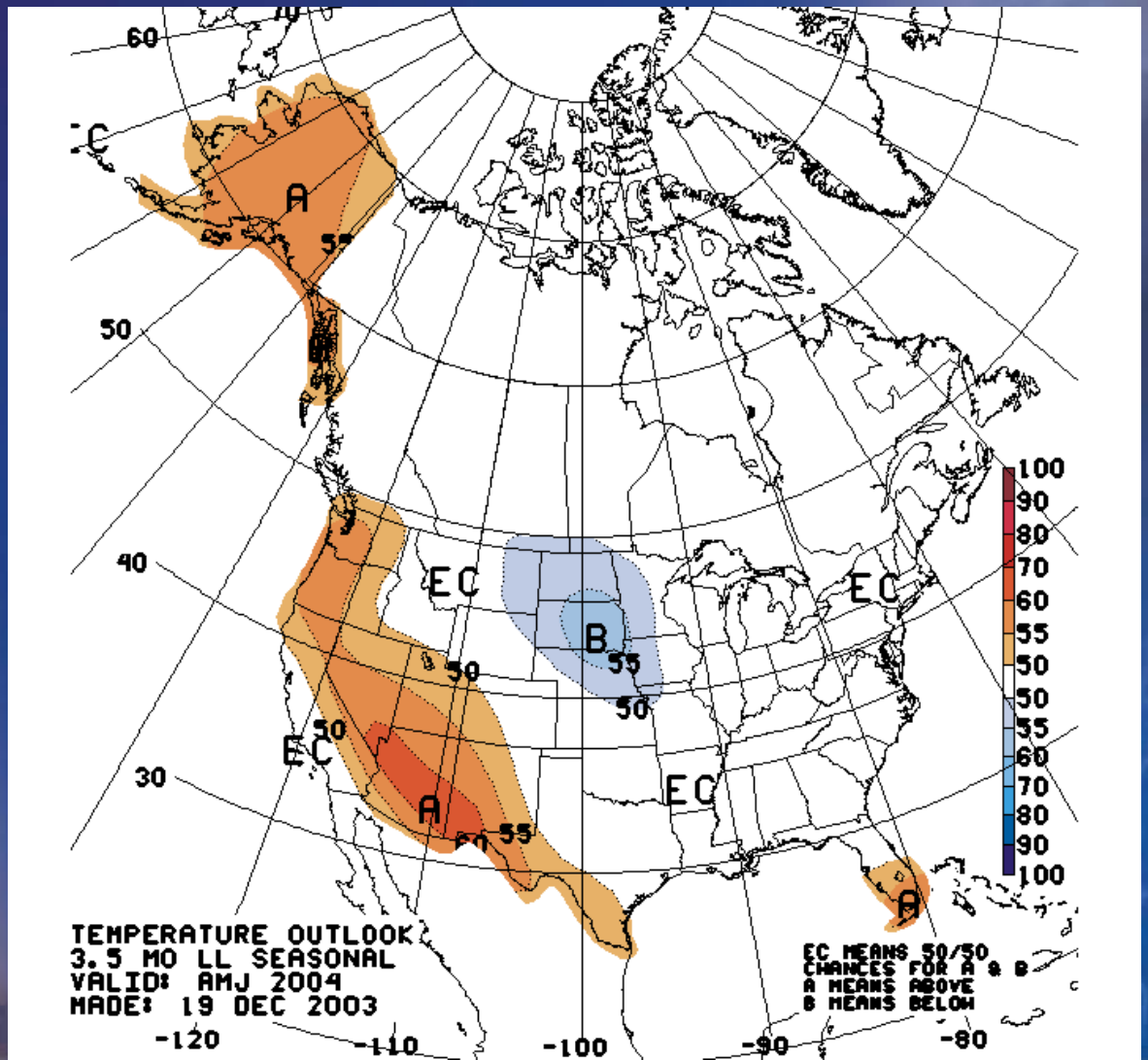
Virgin River Basin



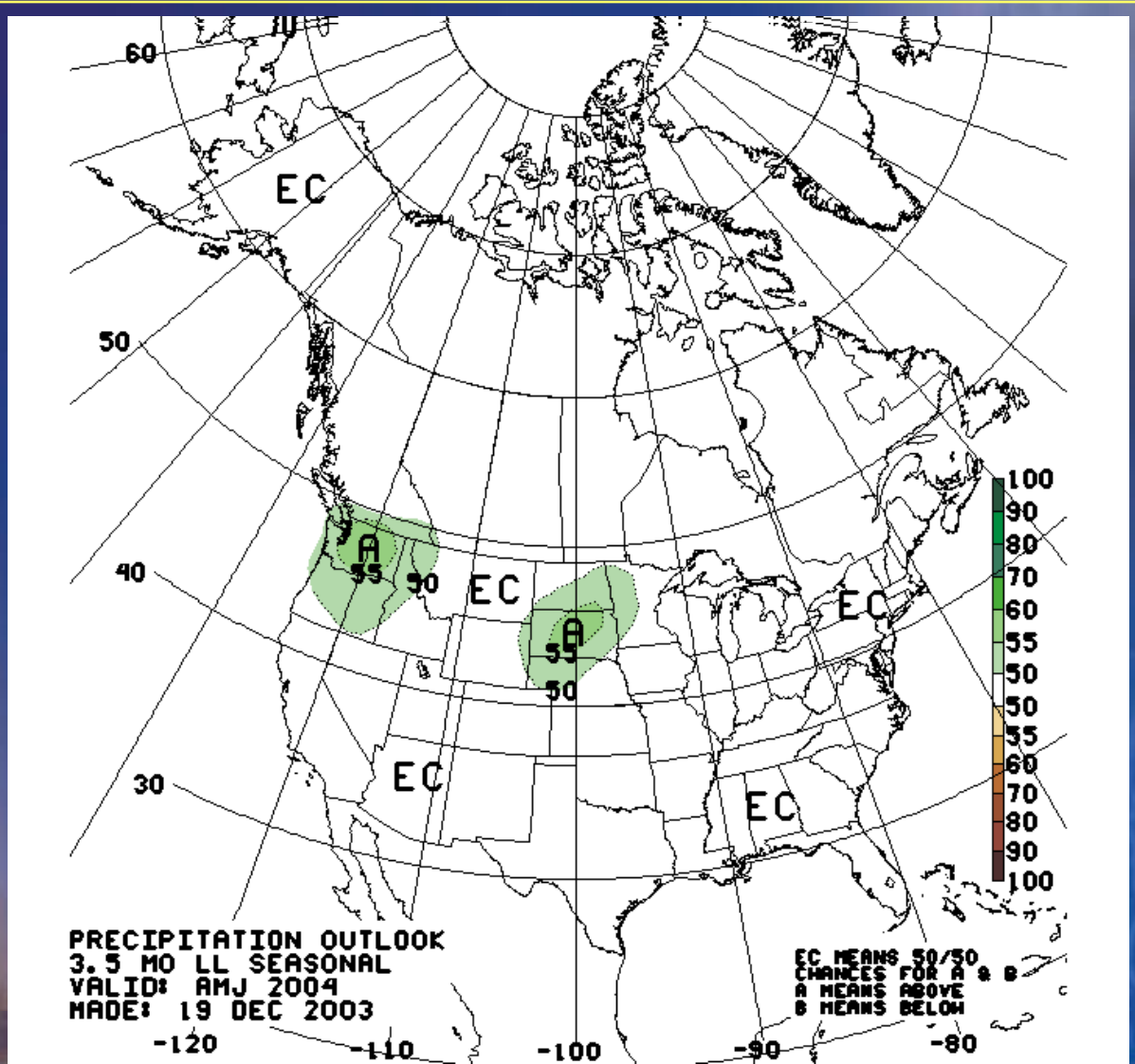
How do you create a long range forecast?



Long Range Temperature Forecast



Long Range Precipitation Forecast



Summary

- Snowpack is very healthy at this juncture
- Low elevation snowpack is highest in years
- Approximately 50% of snow collection season remaining
- Soil moisture deficit is moderate to high
- Spring climate will be a major force in the amount of streamflow volume to populate reservoirs
- Long range forecast does not point to below average precipitation
- Madden Julian Oscillation moderately active.

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